Serial No.: 09/513,687 Docket No.: 1316.1041

a recording layer formed on the dielectric layer and having portions corresponding to the flat portions; and

a protective layer formed on the recording layer,

wherein the micro-embossments protrude toward the protective layer and narrow in a direction toward the protective layer.

PA DE

7. (ONCE AMENDED) The optical disc of claim 1, wherein said substrate has a first side having the flat portions and the micro-embossments, said substrate further comprising a second side opposite and substantially parallel to the first side and having second flat portions and second micro-embossments, which are track guides, protruding from surfaces of the second flat portions, the optical disc further comprising:

a second reflective layer formed on the surfaces of the second flat portions and the second micro-embossments of the second side of the substrate;

- a second dielectric layer formed on/the second reflective layer;
- a second recording layer formed on the second dielectric layer; and
- a second protective layer formed on the second recording layer,

wherein the second micro-embossments protrude toward the second protective layer.

4 735

12. (TWICE AMENDED) An optical disc comprising:

a substrate having a first surface, which corresponds to a track having a width, with first protrusions extending from the first surface, and covered by a protective layer, wherein the first protrusions are track guides for data recorded on the track and narrow toward the protective layer.